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"The TNC is committed to civil society that recognises intellectual and political pluralism and allows for the peaceful transition of power through legal institutions and ballot boxes; in accordance with a national constitution crafted by the people and endorsed in a referendum". Every adult citizen would have the right to vote in "free and fair parliamentary and presidential elections as well as the right to run for office." "The state will respect the sanctity of religious doctrine and condemn intolerance, extremism and violence...denounce violence, terrorism, intolerance and cultural isolation". "The real aspirations of the Libyan people are to be free, to live under a constitutional democratic system, where there is rule of law, all essential freedoms are guaranteed and people can fulfil their potential and realise their aspirations. That is the hope. That is the vision." The TNC aims to "facilitate that process through a transition period until we reach a permanent state where there is a constitution crafted by the Libyan people". "The constitution will produce a framework for a new democratic civil government in Libya." "The Libyans said from the beginning that the ideal is to hold Gaddafi accountable for his crimes with a fair trial in Libya. Nw he is also facing a potential trial by the International Criminal Court. That is the ideal, because these crimes should not go unpunished. They should be punished in a proper way, in a fair trial, which is something Gaddafi never offered his opponents in the last 42 years." "Tripoli - a city of two million people - for the last five weeks has been living in sheer terror, fear, kidnapping of young women and young men. Anyone suspected of being an activist or an organiser of demonstrations is kidnapped and taken away. We reckon there are over 12,000 young people in Tripoli taken away and put in prisons and military camps. We are extremely worried about their fate and what is happening to them. The thing is happening in Zawiya and in other cities. This is the hidden side of the sheer terror that Gaddafi is using to prevent the Libyan population continuing the revolution and bringing about change. We are very proud of these young Libyans but we are at the same time extremely worried about the fate of those taken away by Gaddafi.""We hold him responsible. We think the international community has a duty and a responsibility to send missions to investigate where these people are kept, because there are well over 12,000 and we think some of them may have been killed and their bodies used to pretend that these are victims of the international community air attacks." "The TNC made it very clear that we are not asking any outside power to bring about regime change in Libya. We are not asking for any non-Libyan to come and change the Gaddafi regime. That is the job of the Libyan people and the Libyan people alone